



March 30, 2015

## WIC Futures Study Group

The face to face meeting of the WIC Futures Study Group is this Wednesday, April 1st all day in Helena, MT. If you plan to attend please review the [agenda](#) and email [kgirard@mt.gov](mailto:kgirard@mt.gov) ASAP. Thank you!

## 2015 Spring Conference

The Spring Conference is coming up April 7-8 in Helena. Please review the [agenda](#) and be sure to [register](#). If you would like to print the presentations to follow along with during the conference, please click [here](#). We are looking forward to seeing you there!

## New Local Program Staff Training

The State Office will be offering training for new(er) local program staff. Dates are June 2 through June 4, 2015 with a **registration deadline of May 1, 2015**. A second event will be held June 17 through June 19, 2015. **A registration deadline of May 15, 2015**, has been set for these dates. Please see the [agenda](#), [registration form](#) and a [list of hotels](#) that may have rooms available for the state rate. This is not an all-inclusive listing, other hotels exist in Helena. There are no blocks of rooms designated. Local programs are responsible for the travel, lodging and per diem costs. No meals/snacks/beverages will be provided.

**Attendees are expected to complete [required activities](#) before attending.** The training will be held in the Cogswell Building at 1400 Broadway in Room C-205 on the first two days and in Room C-209 on the last day. These rooms are located on the second floor near the Broadway end of the C-wing. You may park in any spot that is not designated for someone or on the street. Questions? Registrations forms go where? Chris at 1-800-433-4298, option 3 and then option 2, or email [cfogelman@mt.gov](mailto:cfogelman@mt.gov) or fax 406-444-0239 to Chris' attention.

## Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative Registration Link Correction & Hotel Info

The registration link provided in last week's newsletter was incorrect, please click [here](#) for the correct link. If you are attending as WIC staff, please designate this at the registration site. If you set up an account at the last Collaborative, please continue to use it for this registration. Non-WIC staff and non-MT Baby-Friendly Hospitals, Initiative teams with NAPA may attend paying a \$100 registration fee. While the Collaborative will be held at the Best Western Gran Tree, our block of sleeping rooms is at the Holiday Inn next door. Rooms are \$125 for single or double plus tax for Monday and Tuesday night. The block of rooms will be held until the cutoff of June 8, 2015 or is full, whichever comes first. Please reference the WIC Block or the Montana WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program Block. The phone number is 406-587-4561.

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## Time Studies Start April 1st

This is not an April fool's Day Joke! April is a WIC time study month. Please record all WIC time spent beginning with the first day in April that you work and continue until the last day worked for the month. Please, do not wait until the end of the month to try and recall what happened that first Thursday of the month.... I will be checking throughout the month to see who is not recording their time – this is an important WIC staff function! If you have any problems, please call the HelpDesk at 444-2740 or e-mail [blahr@mt.gov](mailto:blahr@mt.gov).

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## Order Forms/Brochures/Booklets & Posters

It is again time to place your orders. Please fill [the form](#) out completely and return to [Mark Squires](#) no later than April 10.

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## Breastfeeding Toolkit, from AAFP

The American Academy of Family Physicians has released a [Breastfeeding Support and Resources Toolkit](#) as a companion to its position paper on breastfeeding. The toolkit includes resources from a variety of sources, including USBC, designed to help family physicians and their office teams foster a positive breastfeeding environment for patients. The toolkit is broken down into four sections: Office-Based Tools, Community-Based Tools, Advocacy Resources, and Evidence-Based Knowledge. Encourage the family physicians in your area to check it out.



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